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Northeast Region

Commander
Col. Joseph A. Guimond Jr.

CONNECTICUT —

Members of the Connecticut Wing gathered in Cromwell, Conn., for their annual conference in March.

The general assembly was called to order at 9 a.m. by Master of Ceremonies Cadet Maj. Kate Peccerillo with 120 members and guests present. Guests included members of the Northeast Region staff and members of the Rhode Island Wing staff.

The morning session opened with a welcome message from Wing Commander Col. Lloyd Sturges and short talks by some of the guests, and was followed by the presenting of many squadron level awards.

After a coffee break, a state-of-the-wing report was given by Lt. Col. Stewart Fritts. He reported on the physical corporate assets in the wing.

Finance was then presented by Maj. Lois Mitchell surprising many by showing that, for a small state, the wing has corporate and privately owned equipment valued in excess of \$11 million ready at any time to respond. Major Palmer said two new repeaters would be installed as soon as permission is received from the property owners giving the wing a total of four and almost statewide communications.

Cadet programs was presented by Cadet Maj. Kate Peccerillo who stressed the need for new cadets and retention of those in the program now. Major Peccerillo set an example for other cadets by giving up spring break in college to attend the conference.

Following lunch the color guard competition and an open forum were held for the cadets. The seniors meanwhile were busy with classes on CPPT, aerospace and emergency services.

Before the banquet, an "attitude-adjustment" reception was held. An oversight many years ago was corrected when Lt. Col. Larry Fraser, who joined CAP in 1953, received the life-saving award due him from 1963. He also received the communicator of the year award for running the nightly net, which he has done six nights a week for almost 20 years.

Senior of the year was awarded to Lt. SueAnn Frost for her outstanding performance throughout the year on wing and squadron functions. Lieutenant Frost has also been promoting CAP from the White House to the state capitol.

Cadet of the year was

awarded to Cadet Maj. Benjamin Carroll for his work as project officer for last year's evaluation, and for all he has done at the squadron level.

On Friday evening, a reception was held to honor Capt. Craig Welsh who is retiring after 16 years as squadron commander of the Niantic Cadet Squadron. Captain Welsh was also named as the squadron commander of the year.

Connecticut has been in a fight for its survival in the state. One person, Rep. Demetrios Giannaros, thanks to Lieutenant Frost, came forward and advised the attendees on what procedures to follow and made the necessary contacts for the wing that resulted in its inclusion in the state budget.

In appreciation of all his help, Representative Giannaros was presented with a special plaque, and because he was "always breathless from running the halls of the capital trying to help the wing" he was also presented with a pair of roller blades to ease his daily travels.

The guest speaker for the evening was Col. Alan Clair, U.S. Air Force Reserve. Colonel Clair is the Air Force historical officer at Headquarters Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. The agency has approximately 70 million Air Force historical documents. The colonel is the only Air Force officer, active duty or reserve, qualified to research lineage and honors of Air Force units.

Maj. Irvin Mitchell

CONNECTICUT — The Charles K. Hamilton Composite Squadron earned five awards at the recent Annual Connecticut Wing Conference in Cromwell, Conn.

The entire squadron earned a search and rescue participation award; Lt. Col. MaryAnn Kulig-Rogers won the Outstanding Personnel Officer Award; Outstanding Safety Officer went to 2nd Lt. Denis Thiede; and Outstanding Public Affairs Officer and Outstanding Senior went to 1st Lt. SueAnn Frost.

Two cadets helped Capt. Geoffrey Haines with communications for the conference: Cadet 2nd Lt. Matthew Frost and Cadet Airman First Class William Moscatelli.

1st Lt. SueAnn Frost

NEW CADETS



The Firebirds, of New York Wing's East Bay Squadron, recently conducted a Cadet Basic Course in March. Five cadets were put through the paces by a highly trained staff. At the end of the weekend, all were promoted to cadet airman. Pictured, left to right, are the course staff members and gradu-

ates: Cadet Commander Master Sgt. Scott Hildebrand, Cadet Airman Jesse Padilla, Cadet Sgt. Justin Raphael, Cadet Airman George Ruano, Cadet Airman Muhammad Ali, Cadet Airman Oscar Urizar, Cadet Airman Andre Smith and Cadet Technical Sgt. Thomas Garcia

CONNECTICUT — A new 399th Composite Squadron commander was installed during a unit banquet recently.

Capt. Barney Berman accepted command of the unit from outgoing commander Capt. David Hull. Hull recently assumed command of the Northwest Hills Composite Squadron, a squadron established to meet the needs of members and prospective members in the Litchfield County area.

At the dinner, Cadet Capt. Elena Raspitha was presented with her Amelia Earhart Award Certificate of Accomplishment from the Connecticut legislature. She was also notified that she received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. The presentation was made by State Senator Mark Neilson.

The master of ceremonies was Capt. Christine Balsama.

Cadet Col. Melissa Fishman

NEW JERSEY — Lt. Col. Donald Halbedl received the New Jersey Wing Golden Eagle Award for 20 years of faithful service to the Civil Air Patrol. Added to his service with the Junior Naval Reserve and the U.S. Army he has completed more than 60 years of service to the nation.

As a teenager, the colonel was a member of the Junior Naval Reserve where he advanced from seaman to battalion commander. He joined the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps when he was eligible and was called to active duty shortly after the outbreak of World War II. He was commissioned in 1944 and upon conclusion of the war he

returned to the Army Reserve where he served during the Korean War prior to retiring.

During the Vietnam War he volunteered to come out of retirement, was assigned to a reserve logistical command, and later returned to retired status.

Colonel Halbedl holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration and was an Army Fellowship Student at Lehigh University where he earned a masters degree in educational administration.

The colonel also completed courses of study at the Army Command and General Staff College, the Army Logistics Management Center and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Among his many decorations he received a Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation and the National Guard Conspicuous Service Cross.

During the past 20 years the colonel has served as the commander and deputy commander of the Bayshore Composite Squadron. He is most appreciative of the unit's ability to respond to the needs of the community and for the recognition he

received including the Department of Army Patriotic Service Award and being identified by President George Bush as a "Point of Light."

NEW YORK — The Rockland County Composite Squadron's activities were highlighted by an Annual Awards Dinner in March at the United Methodist Church in Pearl River.

The activity was attended by every cadet and senior member.

The Senior of the Year was given by Catskill Group Commander Lt. Col. Austyn Granville Jr. to Capt. Albert Bangs of Nanuet and Capt. Raymond Sheehan of Nyack.

The Cadet of the Year was presented by the unit's cadet advisor, Capt. Albert Bangs, to Cadet Commander Master Sgt. Michael T. Ariano of Spring Valley.

Cadet Airman First Class Douglas C. Heidrick was promoted to cadet sergeant and received an academic achievement award.

The guest speaker for the evening was Town Justice Judge Paul B. Phinney of Orangetown who, as a former Air Force captain, flew in a KC-135 as a navigator. His slide presentation of his tour in Vietnam was ex-



Capt. Bangs



Capt. Sheehan



Cadet Ariano

tremely interesting and well received by both cadets and seniors.

2nd Lt. April Heidrick

NEW YORK — The Adirondack Mountain Group was recently selected as the first-place winner of the 1996 New York Wing Color Guard Competition.

The next challenge for the team is the Northeast Region Color Guard Competition later this fall.

This year's team includes:

Maj. Mark H. Cray, project officer; Maj. Mark T. Webster, trainer; Cadet Lt. Col. John J. Fay Jr., trainer; Cadet Master Sgt. George T. Fay, commander; Cadet Master Sgt. Tyler A. Vann, Cadet Technical Sgt. Gillian G. Young, and Cadet Staff Sgts. Kris K. Dubuque and Joseph E. Geer; and Cadet Sgt. Matthew M. Boire.

PENNSYLVANIA — Members of Clarion Composite Squadron have been very busy the first few months of 1996 as they pursued the three missions of the Civil Air Patrol.

In January, three members of the STAT MedEvac unit of the Clarion Hospital came to the Clarion County Airport to train squadron members on safety around a helicopter. Members of the aircrew were kept busy with the flight training they received from Capt. Alex Joseph, a squadron member and a certified flight instructor, as well as 60-1 training by Squadron Commander Capt. William Guth.

Six senior members attended a Safety Down Period/Flight Clinic in April at the Venango Regional Airport in Franklin, Pa. The program was set up by CAP member Capt. Andrew Pierce with assistance from Bill Paulson of the Federal Aviation Administration.

In other training, 1st Lt. Barbara Pfendler and 1st Lt. Kerry Kline attended a Corporate Learning Course held by the wing March 23-24 at the 911th AW in Pittsburgh.

The cadets were as busy as the seniors in their training. Cadets Jeremy Heckathorn and Dave Kahler attended the Western Winter Survival School Feb. 17-18 at the Clear Creek State Forest in Venango County, Pa. Arriving with the proper winter gear, they took the basic course where personal cold weather skills were briefed.

Some of the cadets, along with the seniors, received their CPR refresher course certification from Lieutenant Pfendler, a CAP member and a registered nurse with the American Red Cross.

In February and March the cadets and seniors participated in an Aerospace Weekend held at the Clarion County Airport. Not only did they have the opportunity to work together as a team, but they built their group project for the upcoming wing conference in June and finished their aerospace education posters.

Cadets also participated in EAGLE Academy weekends at

the 911th AW Base in Pittsburgh. Thirty-three cadets attended such a weekend in March. Among them, from Squadron 504, were Cadets Jeremy Heckathorn, Dave Kahler and Mike Lander.

Also attending from Squadron 504 was Capt. William Guth, who served as staff. These cadets were the first ever to earn the CAP-Air Weather Service Ellsworth Award for extracurricular weather studies. The cadets who completed this course received a certificate from the Air Force Weather Service — a first of its kind for this type of recognition.

The goal of this particular weekend, under the direction of Maj. Sandy Habets, was to train cadets on weather, know where to get information and understand it, and communicate it to a pilot.

To prepare for the intense weather training, the cadets were given an aerospace study guide and then asked to use their local unit and pilots to learn as much about weather-related words and terms as they could. The cadets were tested on their ability to gather data from weather sources in their area, which includes DUATs, flight service stations and TWEB, and then asked to demonstrate an ability to read various weather charts through an oral/written quiz developed by a counselor.

This particular EAGLE weekend was an experience that Squadron 504's members will not forget.

Besides training and working on their aerospace education, members of Clarion Composite Squadron 504 were busy holding recruitments and presentations.

On Feb. 7, at the Clarion County Airport, five members of the squadron, including Public Affairs Officer 1st Lt. Kerry Kline, held a presentation for Troop 55 of the Cub Scouts. Here, the CAP addressed the group to promote Aerospace Education and to inform the Cub Scouts about the CAP, its members, policies, missions, operations and capabilities.

During the evenings of April 12, and April 13, Squadron 504 set up a display along with the Experimental Aircraft Association at the Clarion Mall to promote aviation. Since Jan. 1996, Squadron 504 has recruited three new members because of their various recruiting activities. Joining the ranks of the CAP are Tyler Ochs, Jeremy Heckathorn and Dave Kahler.

As a reward for everyone's hard work and dedication, the squadron received a C-130 ride March 27 from the 910th Tactical Reserve Base in Youngstown, Ohio, over the Finger Lakes in New York State to Burlington, Vt., and back to Ohio. This was enjoyed by all the new members of the squadron.

Other rewards, ratings and promotions were given to various members of the Squadron. 1st Lt. Kerry Kline earned her tech rating in Public Affairs, 2nd Lt. Doug McCloskey earned his tech rating in the historian field, and 2nd Lt. Lou Pfendler earned his

tech rating in finance. Senior member Alex Joseph was promoted to captain, while Cadet Technical Sgt. Matt Carroll earned the Cadet Advisory Council ribbon for his service as a primary representative to the council. 2nd Lt. Doug McCloskey, and Cadets Airmen First Class Brock McClosky and Garrett McCloskey earned their Red Service Ribbons for their service and good standing in the Civil Air Patrol.

Indeed, Clarion Composite Squadron members hope the upcoming months prove to be as busy and productive as the first four have been.

1st Lt. Kerry A. Kline

PENNSYLVANIA — The Williamsport Composite Squadron provided support to the Pennsylvania College of Technology and Federal Aviation Administration for an AOPA Air Safety Foundation Tactical Weather Workshop.

Thirteen cadets and five seniors participated by providing coffee and donuts, directions to the attendees and general setup assistance.

Following the setup, the

Pennsylvania Wing cadets work on a "History of Aviation" report during the wing's two-day EAGLE Academy in February. The course — an enhanced aerospace and group leadership experience held on the weekends during the months of September through May — graduated 31 cadets.

cadets were treated to a tour of the college's aviation center by Assistant Professor Gary Giacobbi.

Maj. Ken Kelley, squadron commander, spoke very highly of the squadron's relationship with the center and the fact that the tours there are very well received by the cadets.

Trey Stamark

PENNSYLVANIA — Four Pennsylvania Wing Civil Air Patrol Cadets have received appointments to U.S. military academies.

Cadet Col. Brandon Woll, Squadron 302, New Cumberland, received an appointment to the U.S. Army Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Cadet Lt. Col. Daniel Courtwright, Squadron 604, Pittsburgh, has been accepted at the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.

In addition, Cadet Lt. Col. Heather Weaver and Cadet Airman Sarah Kmetz, Squadron 904, Quakertown, received appointments to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Peggy Marks

PENNSYLVANIA — Pennsyl-

vania Wing, Group 1 held the first of two scheduled Safety Down Periods April 13 in Franklin, Pa. More than 118 people (59 CAP members) were in attendance. The second day was scheduled for April 20 at Latrobe, Pa.

Group 1 is taking a very active stance in promoting aircrew safety by holding these safety down periods. The first was held in conjunction with an FAA Wings Safety Program.

Capt. Andy Pierce, Group 1 standards/evaluation officer, was the Project Officer responsible for setting up these safety programs. He was ably assisted by Mr. Bill Paulson of the Allegheny County FAA FSDO Office.

Ursula and Mark Mutsac of Beaver County Community College and US Air respectively, started the program with a review of the human factors affecting aeronautical decision making. Their presentation was followed by Tim Jeffreys of the Altoona Flight Service who discussed how the polished pilot best utilizes the ATC/FSS system.

Maj. Bob Smith, chief pilot for the wing conducted a review of

bers of the Pennsylvania Wing Feb. 17-18. These CAP members, from Western Pennsylvania, attended an EAGLE Academy weekend at the 911th AW in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The EAGLE Academy, which stands for enhanced aerospace and group leadership experience, was created in early 1995 to provide advanced, yet practical, aerospace education, positive leadership, leadership experience, and senior aerospace role models in an integrated curriculum to Pennsylvania Wing cadets.

Done through monthly weekends, September through May each year, this program offers cadets interesting aerospace topics with as much hands-on-training as possible. The EAGLE Academy uses qualified CAP senior members, Air Force Reserve personnel, and ACES (air cadet experienced staff) with talents and skills in aerospace-oriented subjects and air mission-base operations.

The cadet staff of ACES, intensely trained in all aspects of air and mission-base operations, consisted of Cadet Lt. Col.



the newest version of CAPR 60-1, Flight Operations.

As this program was an FAA Wings Safety Program, the CAP members were challenged by the expectation of the Group 1 Commander, Maj. Walter Schroth, that all Group 1 CAP pilots would be expected to complete their next phase of the Wings Program by now completing the three required hours of flight instruction. It was noted that since CAPF5 and CAPF91 check rides could possibly count toward the three hours, only an additional 1-2 hours was required.

Mr. Paulson noted that during the last 10 years, less than 5 percent of accidents and incidents in western Pennsylvania involved active wing program participants.

The program was deemed a resounding success by all who attended.

Peggy Marks

PENNSYLVANIA — What is teamwork? Teamwork is the cooperative or coordinated effort on the part of a group of persons acting together as a team.

This characteristic was recently displayed by 31 mem-

Lauraine M. Paul, Squadron 502 and cadet commander for the academy; Cadet Capt. Chantal Habets, Squadron 714 and deputy cadet commander; Cadet Flight Officer Jacob Hiles and Cadet 2nd Lt. Ciara Hiles, Squadron 714. These ACES, during their one-year service to the EAGLE Academy, also serve as a mission-base team during actual and training search-and-rescue activities.

Other staff during the February weekend program, was School Commander Maj. Sandy Hables (Group 1's cadet programs officer); Maj. Kent Kershenstein, a U.S. Air Force Reservist; Lt. Holly Nicoll, Squadron 714; Lt. Rob Fredley, Squadron 705; Capt. William Guth, Squadron 504; and Lt. Kerry Kline, Squadron 504.

The 31 air cadets participating in February's academy studied the aerospace topic of "The History of Aviation." They were broken into five groups, each with one of the ACES as a seminar leader. Each seminar leader had been given a packet of information, including that group's "History of Aviation" topic. Topics included: World War II to Present; 1900 to 1939;

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Rocketry; Balloons; and Airships. Each cadet, was then given a subtopic from their group-assigned topic.

The goal of the project was to have each cadet research his topic by using their aerospace books and other materials available, and write at least a one- or two-page paper.

After completing the written portion of the project, each cadet had to prepare and rehearse a three-minute speech on their topic. These speeches were then videotaped by Lieutenant Nicoll. An introduction to these speeches was presented by Captain Habets, with closing remarks made by other members of the ACES staff.

The videotapes will be edited and copies will be made for distribution to those squadrons participating in the program. Also, the essays will be edited, bound together, and given to each of the attending squadrons. The videotapes and essays can be used by the squadrons as part of their internal aerospace program or as a recruiting tool.

On Feb. 17, while the air cadets were introduced to commercial aviation by Capt. Chris Filler, a commercial pilot for USAir and an expert ranger and reserve officer, the ACES staff was presented with a Scanner Course taught by Captain Guth and Lieutenant Kline.

For supper, the cadets and seniors made a trip to the Pittsburgh International Airport. Here, they saw the different types of commercial aircraft that Captain Filler had spoken of earlier, dined out, and had the chance to see how a major airport operates.

On the next day, after a moral leadership session, the cadets played a game of jeopardy, designed by Lieutenant Kline, that incorporated material from their aerospace books. Winners of the game were awarded prizes.

Also incorporated throughout the program were classes on customs and courtesies, drill and ceremony, marching, social training, physical training, and the raising and retiring of the U.S. and POW flags. On Feb. 18, Cadets Fakhar, Lee, Smyder and Hanna were given the chance to raise the flag.

Moral values such as honor, duty, patriotism and integrity were stressed in all the activities. Indeed, the EAGLE Academy affords the opportunity for cadets to work together as a team, as well as gain experience in an encampment-type situation, where a cadet has to show the proper customs and courtesies, do their drill and ceremony properly, and wear their uniforms correctly.

In March, the Air Cadets will be studying weather, and the participants will be the first cadets in the nation to earn the CAP-Air Weather Service Ellsworth Award for extracurricular weather studies. Also, the cadets who complete the March EAGLE program will receive a certificate from the U.S. Air Force Air Weather Service. The

program's goals for March are to train the cadets to know more about weather, know where to get information, understand it, and communicate it to pilots.

Any cadet in the wing is eligible to participate in the program. Basic student requirements include completion of the Curry Achievement, a current membership card, a Class B Air Force uniform, and active participation within their squadron.

Lt. Kerry Kline



Middle East Region

*Commander
Col. Herman H. Maddox*

MARYLAND — Maryland Wing's 1996 Spring Leadership Academy was held April 27 at Fort Meade, Md.

Students learned about leadership and competed in NCC-style competition in the afternoon. Twenty two members attended the basic course and eight participated in the advanced course.

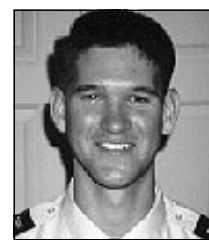
Maj. William F. Duke served as commandant of the Academy, with Cadet Lt. Col. Matthew R. Heusser as cadet commander. Staff officers included Cadet Lt. Cols. Eric W. Tiso, Jami Blankenship, Tammy-Jo Blevins, Tom Morgan, Gabrielle Lutz and Alisha Cope.

Female fleetfoot was Cadet Flight Officer Jessica Obtiz.

Cadet Master Sgt. Jason Harrison, of the Wicomico Composite Squadron, was the honor graduate of the course, winning the fleetfoot award as commanding the winning drill team and earning the "Academic Top Gun" for highest score on the written test.

Cadets Vaclav Konecny and Neil Douglas, 1st Lt. Dan Goulet, and 2nd Lts. Stephanie Stanton and Pamela Green participated in the advanced course and worked as support staff.

SOUTH CAROLINA — Cadet Lt. Col. Matthew Morgan, of the Hilton Head Composite Squadron, received an appointment to the U.S.



Cadet Morgan

Naval Academy — class of 2000. Cadet Colonel Morgan has been an active CAP member for six years, serving as cadet commander for two of those years. He is the recipient of the Billy Mitchell and Amelia Earhart awards. He has also served on

the staff of three major summer encampments, participated in numerous SAR exercises, was selected to attend the wing's solo encampment in May 1995 and has since earned his private pilot's certificate.

In addition to his favorite past-time of flying, Cadet Colonel Morgan participated in high school sports. He was the starting center and captain of the Hilton Head Christian Academy's S.C. State Championship basketball team while maintaining a 3.8 grade point average.

Cadet Colonel Morgan was nominated as a candidate to the U.S. Naval Academy by Congressman Floyd D. Spence and to the U.S. Air Force Academy

by Senator Strom Thurmond. To date he has not received an appointment to the Air Force Academy.

The cadet is looking forward to participating in the Midshipmen Aviation Club and possibly selecting aerospace engineering as a major. His career goal is to be a Navy or Marine aviator.

SOUTH CAROLINA — The South Carolina Wing hosted its annual conference in grand style this March.

Held at the Sheraton Hotel in Columbia, S.C., the event was attended by more than 200 cadets and seniors.

The highlight of the conference was the banquet speaker, Congressman Floyd D. Spence, chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on National Security. His talk was enlightening and far reaching as he discussed national security problems that stretch as far as China.

The congressman is a staunch supporter of Civil Air Patrol and America's armed services. He emphasized that even though the Cold War is over, we must "watch our backs."

The implications of blood-borne pathogens, incident command training, legal officer training, a cadet round table, on-hands packet, operations, and CAP's future in South Carolina were among the sessions at the conference.

During the conference, a petition signed by 48 cadets was presented to Congressman Spence requesting: 1.) Congressional approval for CAP's fiscal 1997 full funding authorization, and 2.) To take such action, as necessary, to keep CAP an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and a part of the Defense Department budget.

The banquet was also the forum for the annual awards: Chaplain of the Year — Lt. Col. Bill Gaskill; Senior Member of the Year — Maj. Dick O'Neill; Cadet of the Year — Cadet Lt. Col.

FTX CHALLENGE



Langley Composite Squadron cadets tangle with a problem in the Leadership Reaction Course at Fort Eustis, Va. The course was part of the squadron's field training exercise held in March. Eighteen cadets and five seniors participated in the weekend exercise which also included survival courses presented by Hawk Mountain Ranger School cadets and moral leadership classes.

David Weiner; Operations Officer of the Year — Lt. Cindy Smith; Squadron of the Year — Lexington Composite Squadron; a medallion from national chief of staff for his work in the Florence Composite Squadron — Capt. Andrew Criswell. In addition, commander's commendations for outstanding service to CAP were presented to Capt. Johnny Rowell, Sam Stribling and Yan Patrick Gros.

The aforementioned cadet, senior member and squadron of the year will be honored by the South Carolina Chapter of the Air Force Association at its annual meeting in Charleston in May.

A special award was presented to Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Bobbie S. Davis, of the Lexington Composite Squadron, for her many years of dedicated and faithful service to CAP.

Col. Herman Maddox, Middle East Region commander, presented a unit citation to the South Carolina Wing. During the period January 1, 1995, through March 15, 1996, the wing distinguished itself with outstanding performance. Particularly noteworthy was the development of the counterdrug program with the U.S. Coast Guard in which the wing flew more than 800 counterdrug hours without a single mishap. Another achievement was the wing's consistency

in leading the Middle East Region, and in some instances, the nation in recruiting both cadets and seniors. These distinctive accomplishments reflect the highest credit upon the wing and CAP.

Lt. Louise S. Moore

VIRGINIA — 2nd Lt. Neal P. Kegley assumed command of the Montgomery Composite Squadron in a recent change of command ceremony.

Capt. Michael E. Kirk stepped down as commander to become commander of Group 1.

The ceremony was followed by a reception honoring the new commanders. Members of the squadron and wing staff were in attendance.

In April, Cadet Jeremy Yuvanavattana, of Montgomery Composite Squadron, received second place in the basic category of the Virginia Wing Cadet Speak-Off held at the Judge Advocate General School in Charlottesville, Va. His speech was about the Wright Brothers.

Members of the squadron, Group 1 and wing participated in the Group 1 Spring Search-and-Rescue School on the campus of Virginia Tech. Courses included general emergency services, basic disaster services, damage assessment, map and compass reading, direction finding,

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Cadet Technical Sgt. Jose Tuya receives his solo wings from National Capital Wing Commander Col. Stanley Voyiazakis as Fairfax Squadron Commander Capt. John B. Lewis looks on.



standard first aid, and CPR. All participants received important information that will be invaluable in the field and everyone had an enjoyable weekend.

VIRGINIA — The Mount Vernon Squadron conducted a joint cadet and senior member encampment in March at Virginia's Manassas National Battlefield Park. Cadet Sgt. Michael Richardson, Airmen Mark Cabrera, Timothy Cohen, and Erik Rechenbach, and Airmen Basic Charles Balanger, Nicholas Balanger and Michael Powers, along with six senior members participated in communications and land-navigation exercises.

The squadron exercise was a tune-up for participating in the National Capital Wing's 18th annual COMEXE April 20-21 at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. This culminated in a very successful quarter of classroom training that has seen many cadets advance in rank.

The squadron is particularly pleased to announce that one of its cadets, Flight Officer J. Ada S. Holland, was selected to enter the U.S. Air Force Academy. Cadet Holland will enter the class of 2000.

VIRGINIA — Hard work makes promotions come easy to Virginia Wing cadets of Newport News Composite Squadron. Cadet Capt. Michael J. Newman Jr., received the Amelia Earhart Award. Newman is the Cadet Squadron Commander and is

proactive in training his cadets for future advancement.

Through his leadership and mentoring, several cadets were promoted and one cadet received the Billy Mitchell Award in March. Flight Officer Steven M. Henn was presented the Billy Mitchell Award by Col. Charles S. Glass, Virginia Wing commander, at the March 1996 Commander's Call held in Norfolk, Va.

Other cadets completing promotion requirements and successfully passing the Newport News Composite Squadron's promotion board were: Shaun P. Newman — promoted to cadet technical sergeant; Shaun M. Trinkle — promoted to cadet sergeant; and Kevin M. Alvarez and William J. Isbell — promoted to cadet airman.

All cadets in the squadron have demonstrated high motivation and interest in Civil Air Patrol activities. Through an intensive training schedule, each squadron cadet and visiting cadets from Virginia Wing's Langley Composite Squadron completed emergency first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in March. Each cadet attended the class over a four-week period to complete the training.

It was a remarkable feat that each cadet to made these sessions with weather, school and family obligations challenging them. Each cadet has also set a goal of qualifying as a ground search-and-rescue team member.

Capt. Robert I. George

WASHINGTON, D.C. Cadet Technical Sgt. Jose Tuya was recently presented his solo wings by National Capital Wing Commander Col. Stanley Voyiazakis and Fairfax Composite Squadron Commander Capt. John B. Lewis during a recognition ceremony in February at Fairfax Senior High School.

A dedicated aviation enthusiast and natural pilot, Cadet Tuya enrolled in flight training at the age of 15. Like Colonel Voyiazakis, he soloed months before he was eligible to receive his automobile driver's license.

Cadet Tuya's lifelong goal has been to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy and to become an Air Force pilot. Accordingly, this summer Cadet Tuya has applied to attend the Colorado Wing encampment at the academy. He has also applied to participate as a member of the NATCAP encampment cadet staff during the week following his return from the academy.

Cadet Tuya plans to spend the rest of the summer working a part-time job in an effort to pay back some of the money he borrowed to pay for his flight lessons and ground school. When asked if he had any regrets about spending so much money to solo, he replied, "None whatsoever! It was the best money I ever spent in my life. Besides, my parents offered me a lot better rate of interest than the local banks."

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Chief Master Sgt. Thomas H. Culpepper received his Billy Mitchell Award in February during a ceremony held at Fairfax Senior High School.

Cadet Flight Officer Culpepper has risen quickly through the ranks since transferring from Florida to the Fairfax Composite Squadron. Last summer he attended the PJOC special activity at George Washington National Forest in

Virginia.

Colonel Voyiazakis had high praise for Cadet Culpepper's dedication and professionalism. He pointed out that since taking over as cadet commander in the summer of 1995, he demonstrated outstanding leadership and initiative. The wing commander also observed that under Cadet Culpepper's leadership, squadron membership doubled and overall morale has shown marked improvement.

In addition to his CAP involvement, Cadet Culpepper is also very active in high school athletics. He is currently a

Kenneth Martin, who was elected in August as the 1995-'96 chairperson of the National Cadet Advisory Council.

Following the banquet, awards were presented to several squadrons and individuals. For the third consecutive year, Boone Composite Squadron received recognition as an outstanding squadron, this year receiving the award of Squadron of Distinction for overall dedication and service.

Also for the third consecutive year, a Boone cadet took top honors in the model aircraft competition. Cadet Master Sgt.



Award-winning members of the Boone Composite Squadron in Danville, W.V.: left to right, Cadet Basic Leanne Atkins, Cadet Col. Jason Garretson, Cadet 2nd Lts. Kevin Atkins and Richard Cumbridge, Cadet Staff Sgt. Shawn Wilson, Cadet Airman Justin Turner, Cadet Airman First Class Kelly Ball, Cadet Sgt. Tim Thomas, Cadet Airman First Class Gloria Craigo, Cadet Sgt. Tyson Mitchell and Cadet Airman Steven Wilson.

member of his high school lacrosse team and he participated on the junior varsity football team in the fall of 1995.

Cadet Culpepper's long-range goal is to achieve the Spaatz award and attend the Air Force Academy.

Following graduation, he plans to be an Air Force pilot. Everyone in attendance wished him well in the achievement of his future goals and expressed confidence the Billy Mitchell Award was just one of many honors and awards that will be bestowed upon this outstanding cadet officer and dedicated young American in the future.

WEST VIRGINIA -- The 1995 West Virginia Wing Conference and Banquet was a truly rewarding event for members of the Boone Composite Squadron. Ten cadets and three senior members attended the banquet at the Days Inn in Flatwoods, W.V.

Following three days of strenuous ground search efforts to locate an aircraft presumed missing in the Webster Springs area, the Boone members arrived at the banquet just in time for the Boone Color Guard to post the colors at the opening of the evening's events.

Serving as color guard for the evening was an honor earned earlier this year when Boone won the wing color guard competition.

The banquet began with recognition of honored guests, including Lt. Col. Jay Bobick, CAP's national chief of staff. Also recognized from the national staff was Boone Cadet Lt. Col.,

Kevin Atkins was awarded the "Best of Show" trophy over approximately 18 other entries by cadets and adults. Atkins also took first place and third place in the Cadet Novice Division of the competition. Winning second place in the Cadet Novice Division was Boone Cadet Airman Steven Wilson.

Taking all three awards in the Cadet Advanced Division was Cadet Sgt. Shawn Wilson.

Commander's Commendation Certificates for Outstanding Duty Performance were awarded to the following Boone members: Maj. Russell Garretson, Capt. Virgil Martin, Lt. Carol Martin, Senior Member Jason Garretson, Cadet Lt. Col. Kenneth Martin, Cadet Master Sgt. Richard Cumbridge, Cadet Master Sgt. Kevin Atkins, Cadet Sgt. Shawn Wilson and Cadet Airman Kelly Ball.

Cadet Atkins and Cadet Wilson also received a second commendation for their participation on the WV Wing Cadet Competition Team in 1995.

In addition to being members of the Boone Squadron, Capt. Virgil Martin and Lt. Carol Martin are also members of the West Virginia Wing Staff. Capt. Martin serves as the director of Aerospace Education, for which he received the award of Aerospace Education Officer of the Year. Lieutenant Martin is the wing director of Cadet Programs and was awarded the wing commander's special commendation for "service above and beyond" in 1995.

Lt. Carol Martin

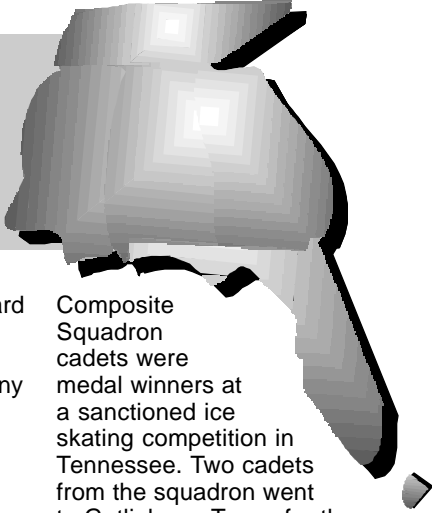
Award winners and promotees from Virginia's Newport News Composite Squadron, from left to right, Cadet Airman Kevin Alvarez, Cadet Capt. Michael Newman, Cadet Airman William Isbell, Cadet Technical Sgt. Shaun Newman, Cadet Sgt. Shaun Trinkle and Cadet Flight Officer Steven Henn.



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Southeast Region

Commander
Col. Richard L. Bowling



ALABAMA — The color guard from Lee County Composite Squadron presented the colors at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Bessemer Airport Terminal Building. Wing Commander Col. Angelos Petelos was a keynote speaker.

Two cadets from Lee County Composite Squadron earned their Billy Mitchell Award recently: Cadets Jeremy Davis and

Composite Squadron cadets were medal winners at a sanctioned ice skating competition in Tennessee. Two cadets from the squadron went to Gatlinburg, Tenn., for the 18th Annual Ober Gatlinburg Ice Skating Competition April 19-21. They competed in two

and External Aerospace Education Officer Maj. Tim Huddelston were active participants.

Wing Director of Public Affairs Lt. Col. John Emerson served as a national staff volunteer.

Two cadets from the Maxwell Air Force Base Composite Squadron, Cadet 2nd Lt. Lauren Emerson and Cadet Flight Officer Kristen Emerson worked as cadet staff members and spent many long hours performing their assigned tasks.

FLORIDA — Members of Group XI recently exercised the 911T mission program April 17.

After arriving home from work, Capt. Martha Woodcock, Eglin Air Force Base Composite Squadron commander, brought the unit's FM ground station on

based on the unit's report alone.

After numerous phone calls, Major Kiger spoke with Lt. Col. Bob Gray, Florida Wing vice commander, and received a 911T mission number.

The unit mobilized their prewarned personnel and the ground team assembled at Eglin Composite Squadron while the aircrew met at Milton Senior Squadron. Due to travel times involved, the mission was pushed into darkness.

While the ground team was being briefed, CPF 838 departed Milton. After circumnavigating the active Eglin Air Force Base restricted areas and numerous vectors to avoid other air traffic, the signal was tracked to the Destin airport.

With the ground team en

Chris Brown. The aircrew was Major Kiger and 1st Lt. Juergen Bentley, who is assigned to the Milton Senior Squadron. Holding down the Eglin squadron assembly point was 2nd Lt. Edward Ledge, squadron administration officer.

Overall it was a very good opportunity for the unit to hone their skills and fine tune their plans. Also, it provided for some very good training for several ground team members.

This was the second time the 911T system was used in Florida wing. Unit members recommend other units take advantage of it immediately upon encountering any situation that might apply. In this instance, the unit identified the signal and secured it in the early evening hours rather than in the early morning ones.

Maj. John Kiger

Cadets and senior members of Georgia Wing's Peachtree City Falcon Field Composite Squadron pose for a picture in front of a U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds F-16 Fighting Falcon. The members helped with flightline duties, administered first aid and provided information to visitors during the Robbins Air Force Base 1996 Open House and Air Show in March.



Gerusha McLeod received their certificates at the Alabama Wing quarterly cadet training activity.

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Two cadets from Maxwell Air Force Base Composite Squadron participated in the Regional Science Olympiad competitions at Alabama's Auburn University. Cadets Kristen and Lauren Emerson represented Prattville Junior High School. Both cadets won medals in individual competition and the team won first place overall. They were scheduled to participate in the state competition April 27 in Mobile.

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Maxwell Air Force Base Composite Squadron Cadets Holly Ogden, Jason Brown and Kristen Emerson received the Billy Mitchell Award at the Alabama Wing Conference Banquet May 4. Since August 1995, Maxwell cadets have earned six Mitchell awards.

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Maxwell Air Force Base Composite Squadron cadets never finished their meeting March 25. A call from the mission control officer sent them looking for an errant emergency locator transmitter. In about two hours, the ELT was located at Wetumpka Airport, the owner contacted and the ELT turned off. Find ribbons will be awarded to the ground team that responded.

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Maxwell Air Force Base

events each and won three second-place and one fourth-place award. Their team, from Montgomery, was the smallest team there and won the second-place trophy, beating 12 other teams.

Hats off to these two young cadets for their hard work and athletic ability.

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Five squadrons participated in Alabama Wing Cadet Competition. Two teams made up of cadets from the Birmingham Composite and 117th ANG Composite squadrons, and the Lee County Composite and Decatur Composite squadrons competed against the Maxwell Air Force Base Composite Squadron for the right to represent Alabama Wing at the Southeast Region Cadet Competition.

Due to time constraints, only the drill and inspection competition were held. When the competition was over and the scores tallied, the Maxwell squadron was advised they would once again be going to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., to compete in the region competition.

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The Alabama Wing was well represented at the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education held in Little Rock, Ark., April 10-13.

Director of Aerospace Education Maj. John P. Jones

the air. Fortunately, the station is capable of monitoring air band frequencies.

As Captain Woodcock scanned through 121.5, it locked onto a strong signal. About the same time, Maj. John Kiger and Lt. Col. George Williams came on the air. Both were leaving Eglin for home. They monitored 121.5 and had no signal on the air base.

After a brief discussion on how to up-channel, the plan was carried out. Colonel Williams, a mission coordinator, gave a courtesy call to AFRCC. Unfortunately, the SARSAT system was not currently reporting any ELT signals in the Florida panhandle at the time.

Consequently, the AFRCC was not willing to open a mission

route and the air traffic increasing, the aircrew requested and received permission to land at Destin to await the team's arrival. During taxi to parking, the aircrew triangulated the signal to get an idea of the source.

In about 15 minutes, the ground team arrived. The signal was traced to a Cessna 152 going through inspection in a maintenance hangar, confirming the aircraft's triangulation effort. The ELT was secured and all forces returned to base.

The ground team was led by Colonel Williams. Ground team members were: Capt. David Sarnow, 1st Lt. Thomas Leslie, 2nd Lt. John Meyers, Cadet Master Sgt. Jason Hodge, Cadet Airman First Class Patrick Woodcock and Cadet Airman

FLORIDA — William Barnett, mayor of Naples, Fla., recently proclaimed the week of April 15-21 as Civil Air Patrol Week and April 21 as Naples Aviation Sunday.

The proclamation read as follows: "The local Civil Air Patrol was formed in 1952. The men and women of the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force has since worked devotedly in the cause of aviation and in behalf of the people of this nation and the patriotic civilian volunteers have given unstintingly of their personal resources and even their lives, in the relief of suffering and in the safeguarding of the lives and property of their fellow Americans through the performance of air and ground search and rescue, mercy missions and disaster relief. Also, the Naples Senior Squadron maintains an effective national program of aerospace education and training for youth."

The mayor urged all citizens to celebrate with the senior and cadet squadrons by attending their April 21 open house at the Hayes Hangar at Naples Airport.

GEORGIA — The Peachtree City Falcon Field Composite Squadron participated in one of the rites of spring at Robbins Air Force Base in Macon, Ga., in March.

Twenty-one cadets and five senior members were on hand at the base's annual open house and air show to assist with

DRILL COMPETITION



Cadets from Tennessee Wing's Gibson County Squadron participate in a recent weekend-long drill competition at the Grubb/Kyle Training Center in Smyrna, Tenn. The squadron took third place in the following categories: required and innovative drill, volleyball, quiz bowl and mile run.

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flightline duties, administer first aid and help provide information to visitors in the welcome tent.

Members of the squadron were rewarded when they received an opportunity to meet the crew members of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration Team and a

ship school attended by 18 members. Nineteen members attended the Corporate Learning Course directed by Lt. Col. Rose Latiolais and Capt. Amos Plante. Lt. Col. Paul Smith and Maj. Ann Ferguson - Smith conducted the two-day aircrew school for 19 members, while 25 other

from all levels — from the squadron to wing staff. Also present were the wing liaison noncommissioned officers, Air Force Master Sgt. Maria Perez, Air Force Reserve Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Larsen and Air Force Reserve Master Sgt. Cadiz.

offered by the department. The unit will have the opportunity to contribute the road's and the island's beauty and, at the same time, avoid environmental pollution.

The department will furnish the unit with the basic tools, such as: security vests, labels, safety signs, plastic cones and plastic bags to help them do their job more efficiently. The department will obtain a public responsibilities and accident policy that will cover all the members involved in the project. Also, the department informs the local newspaper of all participating organizations and members, giving the unit an opportunity to publicize CAP.

Through this project, the unit works once a month for their community, for which they have been congratulated by their neighbors. This will increase interest, encourage better performance and promote better public relations with the members. During this agreement, the unit extends their helping hands not only to their neighbors, but also to their communities. This has brought out a giving spirit in many of the cadets and senior staff.

Last December, the Federal Highway Administration and the organization "Keep America Beautiful, Inc." granted this program and other national programs a distinguished service award. The activity was held in Washington, D.C., in December. The unit is very proud to share this recognition.

1st Lt. Vilma N. Romero

located, the computer room and the briefing/debriefing room.

While the introduction and tour were very informative, the real thrill came when seniors and cadets were allowed to fly the F-16 and A-10 simulators. Each individual was given about 15 minutes of flying time for takeoffs and landings, air-to-air dogfights between linked simulators, in-flight refueling and formation flying.

1st Lt. David J. Adams

ARKANSAS — The Delta Composite Squadron in West Memphis held its quarterly promotions and awards night, and also assigned new cadet staff positions.

Awarded Cadet of the First Quarter was Cadet Sgt. Chris Childress. The award is based in such things as test scores, inspections, and attendance at meetings and activities. He was also awarded the best leadership test score for the same time-frame and selected to assume flight commander duties.

Awarded the best aerospace test score for the first quarter was Cadet Staff Sgt. Seth Lasko.

Assuming the duties as cadet commander will be Cadet Master Sgt. David Sandusky. Cadet Sandusky has previously served as the first sergeant, flight commander and is the squadron's current Cadet Advisory Council representative. He attended the 1995 encampment and participated in the 1995 Southwest Region Cadet Competition.

Cadet Master Sgt. Jonathan



Seniors attending the recently held Air Force's Quality Awareness Seminar pose for a group picture at Muniz Air National Guard Base.

chance to view the team's F-16 Fighting Falcons up close.

The Robbins Air Force Base Open House and Air Show is an event that is gaining in popularity and the squadron hopes to continue assisting with the show especially when it includes an opportunity to work with real heroes.

The Group 3 awards banquet organized by Group 3 Commander Capt. Jay Maravolo was an eventful night for the squadron.

Awards included: Squadron of the Year, for the second consecutive year, Senior member of the Year - Capt. Phil Casha, and Cadet of the Year - Cadet Lt. Col. Phillip Casha.

Four senior members and five cadets received Commander's Commendation Awards and Lt. Frank Basile was honored with a Certificate of Life Saving for his assistance with securing a crash site in 1995.

1st Lt. Dottie Gandee

LOUISIANA — Training, training, training. Cadet and senior members of Louisiana Wing continued to expand their skills and knowledge through training.

Some 80 senior members and cadets of Louisiana Wing gathered at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette for a "Super Training Weekend" Feb. 24-25.

Maj. Carlton Dufrechou and Maj. Darla Blanchard served as directors of a squadron leader-

members attended the short courses which were offered in Emergency Services I and II, Communications, Level I and Defensive Driving.

This first-ever comprehensive training weekend was coordinated by Lt. Col. Charlotte Payne Wright, wing historian and director of senior programs. Wing Commander Col. Colin Fake stated that valuable training and interaction between the members is essential to carrying out the missions of Civil Air Patrol — aerospace education, emergency services, and cadet programs.

PUERTO RICO — Senior members of the Puerto Rico Wing attended the Air Force Quality Awareness Seminar in March. The seminar was conducted at the Air National Guard's 156th Civil Engineer Squadron, Muniz Air National Guard Base. The ANG instructors were Master Sgt. Damaris Martes, first sergeant, and Technical Sgt. Hector Burgos.

This course was designed by the Air Force as a way to achieve total quality management, a concept first developed by industries and corporations to improve efficiency by satisfying customer needs, thus reducing the work load while improving your services, which in turn help the organization to accomplish its missions faster and more efficiently.

Twenty one senior members attended the course. They came

The course covered various aspects of quality management, from problem solving techniques to time management and decision making. Other topics covered were vision, empowerment (how to delegate), quality control, listening skills, teamwork and leadership. The course objective was to promote an awareness of how quality management can improve mission performance and make people better officers, human beings and leaders.

The course was coordinated by Maj. Alberto Quinones, wing chief of staff and senior program officer.

PUERTO RICO — Unit 52079, Group V, Puerto Rico Wing, has joined the government of Puerto Rico, Department of Transportation and Public Works, to work together for the community. The unit forms part of the program "Adopte una Carretera" — created for the purpose of preserving the ornate, the beauty of the landscape, control of visual pollution and guarding public highways.

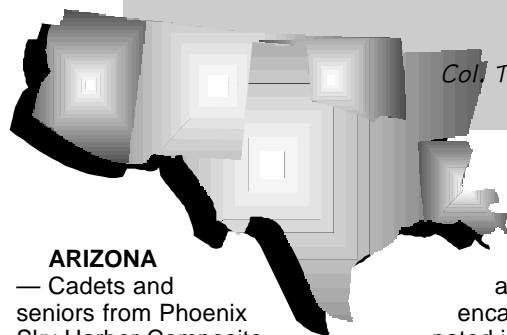
The agreement was signed by Capt. Javier Morales, Moca High School Cadet Squadron commander, and Dr. Carlos I. Pesquera, secretary of the transportation department. The agreement is for two years and in it, the unit promises to maintain the adopted area — PR 111 Road, 4.5 in Moca — once a month and to participate in the safety and orientation meetings

Members of Puerto Rico Wing's Unit 52079, Group V work together in support of "Adopte una Carretera." The members, with assistance from Puerto Rico's Transportation and Public Works departments, spend time each month cleaning and beautifying the property alongside one of Puerto Rico's major highways.



Southwest Region

Commander
Col. Thommie D. Herndon

**ARIZONA**

— Cadets and seniors from Phoenix Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301 took a tour of the Armstrong Labs Aircrew Training and Research Division.

The facility is the Air Force's premier organization for research and development in aircrew training techniques and technologies. The division's basic mission is to increase aircrew effectiveness through enhanced training.

The morning began with an introduction by Air Force Capt. Pete Hirneise and a 15-minute video providing an overview of the Armstrong Labs facility.

At the completion of the video, Captain Hirneise conducted a 20-minute tour of the facility showing the flight deck area where the simulators are

Tarleton has been assigned as the cadet deputy commander. He attended the 1995 encampment and participated in the 1995 Southwest Region Cadet Competition.

The new flight sergeant will be Cadet Staff Sgt. Bruce Scott. He has been a member since



A Phoenix Sky Harbor Composite Squadron cadet takes a ride in a flight simulator at the Armstrong Labs Aircrew Training and Research Division facility.

February 1995, attended the 1995 encampment and was awarded the best leadership test score award for 3rd quarter in 1995.

According to Lt. Col. Larry

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Cadets from Texas' Addison Eagles Composite Squadron sit off to the side of a C-130 drop zone during a recent field trip to the Dallas Naval Air Station for a visit with the U.S. Air Force Reserve's 181st Tactical Airlift Squadron. Left to right, Ashley Goodson, Logan McDonald, Brandy White, Brent Robinson, Naji Saleh and Chris Bowmen.

Webster, squadron commander, all cadets were selected for these positions by a board.

NEW MEXICO — Four cadets had the opportunity to get a cadet orientation flight in the squadrons new Cessna 172 this April. The flights were the cadets' initial flight.

Flight one of the program gives the cadet experience in aircraft preflight, take off and landings, and basic flight maneuvers. The cadets sat in the pilots seat for this flight. Since the pilot was a certified flight instructor, the cadets were able to log the time in their log books as flight time.

The unit will be conducting more cadet rides in the near future.

The New Mexico Wing's annual conference was held in April. Some of the seminars at the conference included customs, DEA, communications, cadet programs and ground-team training.

The Clovis squadron won Squadron of the Year for 1995, and the 1995 safety award.

Maj. Sheila A. Worth received a Commander's Commendation medal.

The Clovis squadron will be attending a ground search-and-rescue exercise this spring and participate in joint training with Chavez County, Riudoso and Carlsbad ground teams.

Maj. Bradley D. Welch

TEXAS — Cadets from the Addison Eagles Composite Squadron took a field trip to the Dallas Naval Air Station in March.

The trip was led by Maj. Paul Roy, squadron commander, and Lt. Col. Bobby Douglass.

The group visited the U.S. Air Force Reserve's 181st Tactical Airlift Squadron where Colonel Douglass previously flew C-130s. While there, squadron members toured a C-130, sat in on a four-ship tactical drop briefing and then drove out to the drop zone located about two hours north-west of Dallas.

The cadets received briefings on safety and the specifics of the drop, including time over target, wind effect, and aircraft altitude at time of drop.

Once the drops were completed, the cadets measured the drop scores and reported the

scores to the drop zone officer so he could grade the aircrews.

The cadets also learned how to measure wind speed and direction with the equipment the "DZO" uses.

More field trips have been planned, as well as cross-country trips with the 181st TAS.

"It was a fantastic visit," said Colonel Douglass, "thanks to the support and cooperation of Lt. Col. Fred Ganske, the 181st commander, and all of his folks who helped make it happen."

Lt. Col. Bobby Douglass

TEXAS — Amarillo's Tigershark Composite Squadron conducted their first annual Squadron Leadership School in April.

Twenty three members from Group 1 and Group 16 attended the event at the Amarillo National Bank building. Among the attendees were members from the Tigershark, Lubbock, Reese, Midland and San Angelo squadrons. Members from the Tigershark, Lubbock and Reese squadrons served as instructors.

The Tigershark Squadron plans on conducting a Corporate Learning Course in Amarillo sometime in October, and 1997's SLS course will be held in Lubbock.

According to course planners, the instructors were outstanding and the course was well received by the attendees.

TEXAS — Group 13's 426th Cadet Squadron and Thunderbird Senior Squadron merged recently to become the Thunderbird Composite Squadron.

Lt. Col. Tom Cuny, Thunderbird commander, said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for both squadrons to move forward together."

According to the commander, the unit has excellent facilities available for senior members and cadets. They are also fortunate because of the tremendous cooperation and support they receive from Woody Lesiker, owner and operator of the West Houston Airport, and Hank Henry, his chief pilot, as well as the assistance of all the airport staff.

The commander also said that he and Lt. Col. Kossegi, deputy commander for senior members, are both looking forward to

increasing the size of the squadron and scope of unit activities.

Maj. Eric Grubb, former 426th squadron commander and now the Thunderbirds' commander for cadets, said, "We feel the consolidation will benefit our cadets. We will now be meeting at an airport, thus providing a more fulfilling aviation and aerospace experience."

Cadet Colin Fitzpatrick was excited about the merger. "This means the cadets will have more senior members to guide and teach them. Also, meeting at an airport gives us a much better opportunity to learn in an active aviation environment."

Lt. Robin R. Belsha



Cadet Ben Werner and Cadet Airman First Class Brett Goddard, of California's Marin Composite Air Rescue Squadron 4, experience the feeling inside the cockpit of a United Airlines 747-400. Squadron members visited the airline's maintenance facility in Oakland.

works in aircrew life support

The meeting consisted of a briefing on shelter building outdoors, survival in combat and non combat situations, and a night-vision goggle demonstration. The best part was when the

Outside on the ramp, a DC-6 piston engine airliner was being refurbished in a United scheme from the 1950s. When complete the airliner will be flown at airshows.

Inside the facility we visited rows and rows of aircraft rivets, nuts, bolts and other small fasteners all neatly stored in bins. Mechanics must provide their own tools and there are many tool boxes neatly lined up.

The whole facility is protected by an automatic sprinkler system. A special fire-retardant foam made from ox blood is used in the system. "It's still the best ingredient for fire retardant," said Wilhoit.

Heat sensors watch for hot spots. Once a hot spot is detected, an alarm sounds and then there is about 15 seconds for someone to hit the override switch. In the event of an actual fire or a slow reaction to the alarm, the whole hangar then fills with foam. It's quite a mess to clean up after and accidental activations do occur.

United was refurbishing a 747-400 and a DC-10 on the day of our visit. We went through the 747 and got to see how thorough a job was being done. Every instrument and switch was tagged and complete logs were kept on all parts and repairs made to everything on the ship. With all the seats out the ship was huge, something that's hard to appreciate when you are

Pacific Region

*Commander
Col. Ernest C. Pearson*



group got to try out the \$4,000-a-pair goggles.

The instructors also gave the squadron tips on useful things for their ALICE gear. The two most important lessons the squadron learned were to stop, think and analyze the situation and that each piece of equipment on the LICE gear should have at least two uses.

In the summer, the squadron will participate in an overnight survival & evasion exercise.

Cadet 1st Lt. Landon Quan



Squadron 4 cadets Sgt. Jed Mackey, Airman First Class Brett Goddard, Eddie Gordon and Ben Werner, and seniors Lts. Joe Parker, Scott Goddard, Clare Jorgenson and Joe Tuminello devoted an entire Saturday to aerospace education.

The day began with a tour of the United Airlines Maintenance

CALIFORNIA — During a meeting in February, 20 Marin Composite Air Rescue Squadron 4 cadets were surprised by a special visit at their weekly meeting.

Staff Sgt. Bill Frye and Airman First Class Jeremy Essman, from



Cadet Brett Goddard, of California's Marin Composite Air Rescue Squadron, adjusts a set of Air Force night-vision goggles.

Travis Air Force Base, had been invited to teach survival techniques to the squadron members. Sergeant Frye is a survival evasion resistance escape instructor and Airman Essman

facility in Oakland. United Airlines Mechanic John Wilhoit guided our group through the cavernous hangars where Boeing Services its heavy airliners.

traveling with 4 or 5 hundred people. We visited everything on the huge ship from the captain's seat to the wheel wells.

We had a great time at United. But to really appreciate

NIGHT SAREX



Members of California Wing's Group 7, Squadron 40 run through the paces during a nighttime search and rescue exercise that involved night, mountain and desert flying skills. More than 35 pilots participated in the two-day February event held at the Palm Springs Airport. Left to right, Senior Member Rita Harigan, Maj. Don Dillahunt, Squadron 40 commander, 1st Lt. Rick Rengel and Gene Wolfe, and Air Force Maj. Dave McGiver.



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the change aviation has made in the last 50 years we headed over to the Western Air Museum located about two blocks away. Here we saw the airliners of the 1930s and '40s. Outside the museum is the Short Solent 4-engine Flying Boat. The Flying Boat was built in 1348 as an updated version of the world famous British Sunderland. Video clips show the Airplanes performance in the movies *Indiana Jones* and *Raiders of the Lost Arc*.

There are many vintage aircraft types on display such as a Lockheed 10-A Electra, similar to Amelia Earhart's, Boeing Stearman, Bucker Jungmeister, and various jet fighters from the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

Exhibits included the Early Oakland Aviation, African American Aviation, Women Pilots, Jimmy Doolittle & the 8th Air Force, Gold Wings, Eagle Squadron, Edward J. Daly World Airways, Modeling, Air Racing, Commercial Airlines, Aerial Photography and Space.

Joe Tuminello

NEVADA — Four longtime members of the Washoe Jeep Squadron, Search and Rescue unit were honored at a Friday evening banquet for their length of service and retirement.

Awards went to Lt. Col. Robert A. McQuaid, 41 years of service, Capt. Quincy McComas, 35 years of service, Capt. Edmond B. Crawford, 28 years of service, and Capt. Donald A. Bailey, 24 years of service.

A governor's proclamation went to each honoree, presented on behalf of Nevada Governor Robert Miller by Col. Don Schwartz and Lt. Col. Robert King, of the Nevada Wing. Additional recognition made on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff Richard Kirkland, was presented by former Washoe County sheriffs Vince Swinney and Ernie Jesch. The wing also presented the four gentlemen with certificates of appreciation.

Founded in 1950, the Washoe Jeep Squadron is now the oldest continuous land-based search and rescue unit in the United States. The squadron works closely with Nevada's 13 sheriff's offices, the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, the U.S. Air Force, and many other civil and military agencies.

Several "saves" and "finds"

have been directly attributed to members of the Washoe Jeep Squadron over the years. They also regularly assist charitable organizations with fund raising, radio communication, organization and transportation services.

The squadron is also well represented as an integral part of the annual Reno Air Races, providing transportation, communications and emergency services assistance.

Lt. Cynthia S. Ryan

NEVADA — The Nevada Wing's Reno Composite Squadron launched its first 1996 search and rescue exercise, holding it for the first time at the FBO facilities of Sierra Air at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport.

This exercise, with Deputy Wing Commander Maj. Carl Carothers as mission coordinator, involved 28 personnel and six aircraft. It was attended primarily by members of the Reno Composite Squadron, and an additional two aircrews from the Carson City Composite Squadron.

Aided by members of the Washoe Jeep Squadron, who placed an ELT and actual aircraft wreckage at predetermined (secret) sites, flight crews were given valuable opportunities to practice both electronic and visual search techniques.

Due to the extraordinary growth recently experienced by the Reno Composite Squadron, a number of new members got their first taste of airborne search techniques. The ranks of trained ground personnel gained new mission briefer/debriefers, operations folks, and mission coordinators. This should come in handy, since 1996 started out as a very busy search season, beginning on Christmas Eve and continuing right through January.

Lt. Cynthia S. Ryan

WASHINGTON — "The Canadians are coming, the Canadians are coming!"

These were the words that echoed throughout the Washington Wing Headquarters and the McChord Composite Squadron Headquarters in the weeks prior to the arrival of the 111th Pegasus and 746th Cloverdale Royal Canadian Air Cadet squadrons from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The Canadians and their escorts, numbering 43 strong, arrived at McChord Air Force

Base Feb. 24 to a warm greeting from their American cadet and senior escorts from the McChord and Green River Composite squadrons.

Most of the Canadian cadets had never seen McChord or Fort Lewis. The only ones who had were the tested and tried veterans of the 1993 Washington Wing Summer Encampment.

One mission the Canadian escorts had was to show their cadets their American counterparts were just like them — the American cadets liked the same music, wore the same style of clothes, and had the same likes and dislikes, according to Lt. Jenny-Nicole Case, the 111th RCACS project officer.

The dual-nation "task force" visited local sights on both installations, such as the Western Air Defense Sector building, a C-141 static display, and the McChord and Fort Lewis museums.

While the task force was at the C-141 display, they were given a special treat of seeing the Air Force's newest cargo plane, the C-17. They also were given "royal" treatment when they caught a pair of F-16 Fighting Falcons landing on the runway followed by the President of the United States in Air Force One.

1st Lt. Michael Carlson, the operations project officer, claims he planned for the F-16s and Air Force One to be there at that specific time. Of course, nobody believed him.

On one evening, the Canadian contingency were the guests of honor at a social gathering sponsored by the McChord and Mount Rainier squadrons.

The one thing that can be said about the Canadians, they certainly enjoy social gatherings. The group literally "danced the night away" with music provided by deejays Cadet 2nd Lt. Paul Roush and Cadet Lt. Col. Steven McKinney.

"The operation was a complete success," according to Lieutenant Carlson. "I feel everyone involved had a great time, made new friends, and represented their squadrons, wings, and countries in a positive and professional manner. The saddest part of the whole operation was that, after months of planning and coordinating, it was over before anybody knew it

1st Lt. Michael S. Carlson



Canadian cadets and their Washington Wing escorts pose in front of the McChord Composite Squadron-sponsored A-10 Thunderbolt at the McChord Air Force Base Museum.

Rocky Mountain Region

Commander
Col. Gary H. Tobey

COLORADO — In the past year, Colorado's Mile Hi Cadet Squadron has had four Mitchell and four Earhart winners — three of which have now received their Eakers.

The awards have gone to Cadet 1st Lts. Kevin Shaw and Ashkan Abbasi, and Cadet Flight Officers Chris Keithley and Craig Fogle received their Mitchells, and Cadet Lt. Cols. Ryan Lippert, Royce Lippert, Brian Cox, and Jesse Wisner all received their Earharts. Cadets Ryan and Royce Lippert and Cox have received their Eakers.

The cadet change of command took place in February this year. Cadet Ryan Lippert assumed command from Cadet Maj. Jim Balutowski, and plans to increase morale, discipline and activities.

It was the honor of Mile Hi to have the former region commander, Col. Hines, visit the squadron. The colonel participated in squadron drill-downs and even commanded one himself.

It is a privilege to have Cadet Royce Lippert, 1996 U.S. Air Force Academy Encampment Cadet commander, a member of our squadron. Cadet Lippert has worked hard in the past few months to set up the encampment and it should be a great experience for all cadets.

Recent activities of Mile Hi Cadet Squadron have been an F-16 tour, tours of Buckley Air National Guard Base facilities, a bivouac, and a squadron PTS. With 53 active squadron cadets, Mile Hi looks forward to the future and all the possibilities.

Mile Hi also has 10 cadets preparing for wing cadet competition. This year's drill team consists of Mile Hi, Longmont and Boulder cadets. Several cadets are also on the flag team.

Cadet Sgt. Hejda

COLORADO — Cadet

Keethler, from the Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron, and Cadet Radzikowski, from the Air Academy Squadron, attended the 20th Annual Aerospace Education Symposium at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

The Symposium was held in March and was sponsored by Civil Air Patrol, Littleton Public Schools and the Jeppesen Sanderson Corporation.

Some of the speakers in attendance were Dr. Ben Millsbaugh, A. Scott Crossfield, Gen. Ruben Cubero, Karen Deike, Connie Rodgers, Susan Mallot and representatives from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

One of the highlights of the symposium for cadets Keethler and Radzikowski was the privilege of meeting and spending time with Mr. Crossfield, a legendary pilot and the first man to fly at twice the speed of sound. The X-4 was one of the aircraft that Mr. Crossfield spent a lot of time in.

2nd Lt. Cindy Butler

COLORADO — Fourteen cadets and two senior members from the Mustang Cadet Squadron recently participated in the Buckley Air National Guard Base "Shadow" Program.

The base is located in Aurora, Colo., and is widely known for the large white radar domes which are clearly visible from miles away.

The cadets were given an opportunity to learn more about the different career fields available through the Air National Guard.

The cadets visited the services department, in which they saw the kitchens in one of the buildings.

The services department deals with everything from food to the mortuary. Next, the cadets visited the jet engines department where they learned a lot

about F-16 jet engines.

From there, the cadets toured the base's law enforcement department which handles everything from emergency calls to parking tickets.

Lunch was served in the mess hall on base where the cadets were served by the Marine company. During lunch, the cadets were able to get answers to many questions from National Guard members.

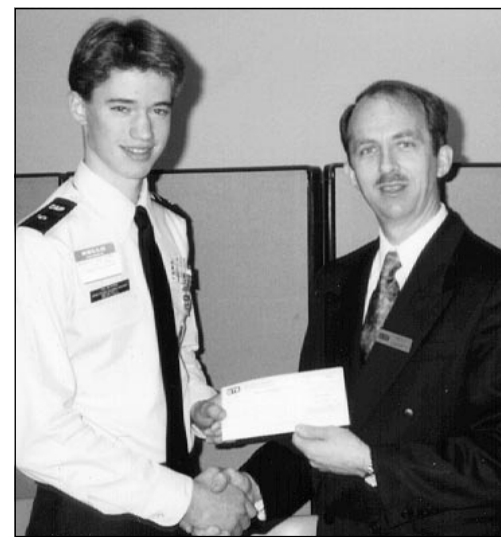
The control tower was the next stop. The cadets were allowed to go up into the tower where they got a chance to talk with the air traffic controllers and watch a few military aircraft arrive and depart.

Touring the fire and rescue department was exciting. The cadets got to ride on and explore the fire trucks, learn about what the firefighters do, and explore the emergency rescue branch.

The cadets were also able to explore an F-16 which they did very enthusiastically. They sat in the cockpit, opened all the panels, and asked many questions about the plane.

The crew chiefs were very glad to answer the many questions.

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT



Cadet Capt. Marty Becketl, of Idaho's Couer d'Alene Composite Squadron, accepts a \$300 donation from Kevin Lavery, GTE's corporate community development manager.

Your flying along at high altitude trying to get over that cloud bank when you start getting a tingling feeling in your fingers. Do you know what it means?

Seven members of the Coeur d'Alene Composite Squadron do thanks to the 92nd Medical Groups Aerospace Physiology Training Course at Fairchild Air

anything that could cause gas.

Members started the day by climbing into a large hyperbaric chamber holding 14 persons. By a miracle of science, the members were transported to 35,000 feet where they got to try their hand at pressure breathing.

On the ascent, they practiced emergency procedures with the aircraft oxygen equipment.

After climbing to 35,000, the cabin was brought back to 20,000 feet and the members were required to take of their oxygen masks and attempt to do a small written test.

Soon the symptoms of hypoxia started to appear in the members much to the amusement of the other side of the chamber that still had their oxygen masks on.

The purpose of the exercise was to allow the individual a method of evaluating their own hypoxia symptoms.

As the group remasked, they enjoyed watching the people on the other side of the chamber remove their masks and go through the same challenging procedures.

The afternoon held more fun for the unit's high flying crew. They transferred to a smaller chamber after lunch to practice rapid decompressions.

The smaller chamber was held at 8,000 feet while the larger chamber was taken up to 27,000 feet.

At the command of the instructor the chambers were connected causing a rapid decompression much the same as a pressurized aircraft would experience if the hull was breached. In a cloud of condensation, the members had to find their masks, secure them and follow the emergency procedures.

Happily all members survived their flights.

The conclusion of the course required passing a 40-question test on aerospace physiology. Graduates from the Coeur d'Alene Composite Squadron were Lt. Col. Robert Hagenbaugh, Capt. Charles Storer, Lt. George Barnhart, Gary Wickham, Gil Bates, Steve Wilke, and Jim Porter.

All members reported they will be better pilots and more prepared for high-altitude emergencies with this training.

SPAATZ WINNER



Cadet Col. Joshua Cadice, of Colorado Wing's Mustang Squadron, proudly displays his Spaatz certificate alongside Senator Tom Norton, left, president of the Colorado Senate, and Representative Chuck Berry, speaker of the House. Cadet Cadice received the award during Military Appreciation Day at the Colorado State Legislature March 26.

IDAHO — Your at 25,000 feet, all of a sudden your cabin fills with fog, you hear a loud bang and your pressurized cabin decompresses from 5,000 to 25,000 feet in a matter of seconds. Now what do you do?

Force Base, Wash.

The members, along with some Boeing contractors, active duty military and Air Force Academy Cadets, completed the two-day Air Force school on aerospace physiology for operational support personnel.

The intensive course conducted in February provided CAP members the opportunity to get an in-depth look at physiology of high-altitude flight.

Day one consisted of eight hours of lecture on everything from vision to the working of the inner ear. Members learned about the medical aspects of hypoxia, spatial disorientation, and high altitude body physiology. Other topics covered included aircraft egress, use of military oxygen systems and cockpit resource management.

The second day was started the night before by not eating

A Final Salute



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North Central Region

Commander
Col. Nicholas J. Knutz

and Airman Basics Kauk, Mahoney, McCaslin and Shanburg.

1st Lt. William Johnson



Lt. Col. Robert Allen, of the Salina Composite Squadron, was awarded the Nova Award recently.

The Nova is awarded to outstanding volunteers, and is underwritten by the Bennington State Bank, Bank of Tescott Mid-American Awards and Western Sizzlin'.

Colonel Allen is a member of the North Central Kansas Chapter of the American Red Cross and, as a captain of the disaster action team, he helps victims find shelter and clothing, and is qualified to assess damage.

Colonel Allen is also a member of the Disabled American Veterans and transports disabled veterans to the Veterans Administration hospitals in Salina and Wichita.

As a member of the Salina Squadron, Colonel Allen is the cadet programs officer, a ground team leader and an observer.

1st Lt. William T. Johnson

MINNESOTA — The Crow Wing Composite Squadron, based at Brainerd-Crow Wing County Regional Airport operated an information and recruiting booth in the Baxter/Brainerd Minnesota Westport Mall in March.

The mall sponsors a semiannual Community Awareness Day for nonprofit organizations.

Supply officer 1st Lt. Joanne Thesing directed the project.

Cadets in uniform walked along the rows of 38 other booths. Where space allowed, the cadet drill team demonstrated. Cadet 2nd Lt. Quay Spaid (who, with a 3.9 grade-point average, plans to enter the U.S. Air Force) led the drill team.

The VCR program, "CAP Cadets in Action," was shown continuously for six hours.

Chaplain (Capt.) Don Haarup, deputy commander, Maj. Jim Soderman and Capt. Leslie Drake, deputy commander of cadet programs, responded to

visitor inquiries.

Hundreds of persons visited the mall and about 50 took CAP literature. Eight teens and five adults signed interest sheets. Six teens and two adults checked an interest in learning to fly. One adult, a former military policeman, has a commercial pilot rating.

Other adults included a nurse, an Air Force Reserve liaison officer, and a former army reserve NCO.

The 13 registrations represented six nearby communities.

Early follow-up contact is being made with all registrants.

Chaplain (Capt.) Don Haarup



Two appointment changes in the Crow Wing Composite Squadron have been named by Squadron Commander Maj. Howard Pihlaja.

First, Capt. Don Haarup is now the squadron chaplain and Capt. Les Drake is now the deputy commander for cadets.

Also, Cadet Airman First Class Tandra Theisino received the Gold Cord Award as the most proficient member of the squadron drill team for the first quarter of the year.



Three cadet master sergeants of the Crow Wing Squadron were promoted to cadet flight officer 2nd lieutenant in February at a commissioning ceremony.

The cadets were Susan Loveland, of Crosslake, Quay Spaid, of Pequot Lakes, and Tom Dobrzynski, of Brainerd.

The three are the first cadets

Capt. Marc Batway, of Brainerd.

MISSOURI — Cadet members, of the Richards-Gebaur Squadron, recently helped the Visiting Nurse Association assemble "information" bags for distribution to more than 8,500 home-bound individuals in the greater Kansas City area.

The nine cadets and two senior members packed more than 4,500 bags in five hours with informative pamphlets, coupons, telephone numbers and Hallmark nick-knacks?

"This is another way of becoming known to the citizens and organizations in metropolitan Kansas City," stated senior member Terry Louthain. "We hope they, in turn, will remember us when we need their help or financial support. CAP isn't just in the market to handle search and rescue or major disasters; we're here to come and participate in other ways, too."

The event was cosponsored by Abbot Labs, KLTH "Lite 99" FM, The Kansas City Star newspaper, Channel 41 (an NBC affiliate), Health Midwest and the Visiting Nurse Association and other local organizations.

Squadron members participating were cadets Harish Anderson, Earl Anderson, Mindy Berry, Jeremy Collins, Derek Johnson, Tracy Louthain, Jesse Mook and Adam Teer. Terry Louthain and Julio Torres were the two senior members.

Maj. Gary W. Gregory



"I think we've been hit by everything but the kitchen sink,"

practicing on for some time," said Maj. Carol Gardner, Group 1 commander. "What we are trying to simulate here will be of lesser affect than when we are called upon to deal with the actual thing. But the members here today are doing very well. I'm really proud of their results."

The major's comments were in relation to the more than 40 scenarios presented to the seven participating squadrons. The scenarios ranged from bridge collapses that impeded ground teams, airborne video evaluation of roads, bridges and two major dams, to simultaneous, multiple emergency locating transmitters in several areas.

First-aid problems and missing children were introduced as the group worked in conjunction with the American Red Cross and the Midwest Search and Rescue team from Merriam, Kan.

Members from the Northland, Frontier, Charles R. Long, Lee's Summit, Harry S. Truman, Vanguard, Platte Valley and Richards-Gebaur squadrons came and participated.

"I wanted to go out on everything," remarked Cadet Russelle Paul, a new member of the Richards-Gebaur Squadron.

"And this is the type of enthusiasm and interest we like to see," said Maj. Carol Gardner.

Group 1 included several new training ideas and programs, including the airborne video recording, a card system for administering personnel and corporate/personal resources, a comptroller for expense auditing, on-site lunch provided

Cadets from Minnesota's Crow Wing Composite Squadron ran a Civil Air Patrol information booth during Community Awareness Day at the Baxter/Brainerd Minnesota Westport Mall in March. Left to right, Matt Russell, Tandra Thesing, Kevin Miller, Heather Thesing, Jake Bertschi (face hidden), Ellie Johnson, Matt Cummings, Quay Spaid and Capt. Leslie Drake.



KANSAS — 1st Lt. Lois Orchard, of Salina Composite Squadron, has been selected to carry the 1996 Olympic torch in the relay across the United States from Los Angeles to Atlanta.

The relay will start April 27 and end July 19.

Lieutenant Orchard, a longtime resident of Salina, is the Disaster and Social Services director for the American Red Cross in Salina. She has been with the Red Cross for the last three years and spent more than two weeks in Oklahoma City helping victims and rescuers after the bombing.

The 44-year-old also is active with the Girl Scouts.

Lieutenant Orchard will carry the torch for about a half mile in the Topeka area. The gold-banded torch is 32 inches high, made of aluminum reeds and a hardwood handle, weighs about 3.5 pounds, has dual burners to help the flame withstand the wind and rain, and a small tank in the base that holds about 40 minutes of propane.

Seventeen thousand torches will be made for the relay at a cost of about \$4.9 million or \$300 apiece.

"I'll run it for a half-mile or walk — whatever pace is comfortable for me," stated Lieutenant Orchard.

1st Lt. William T. Orchard



Ten seniors and seven cadets of the Salina Composite Squadron received an orientation flight on a KC-135 aerial tanker assigned to the 22nd Aerial Refueling Wing's 344th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita.

The KC-135 refueled a B-1 bomber and a WC-135 electronic surveillance aircraft.

The flight and refueling took place over Kansas and Oklahoma.

Squadron members were shown the flight deck, the navigator and radar stations, and the boom operator station where they were able to watch the midair refueling at 20,000 feet.

Members participating included Lt. Col. Williams, Lt. Col. Allen, Maj. Peterson, Maj. Trembly, 1st Lt. Rensberger, 1st Lt. Johnson, 2nd Lt. Harrison, 2nd Lt. Kelly, Flight Officers Ingham and Kuehn, and Cadet Technical Sgt. Blom, Cadet Staff Sgt. Williams, Airman Attansio,

to be commissioned in the Crow Wing Squadron since 1990.

Maj. Howard Pihlaja, Pequot Lakes squadron commander, conducted the event at the Park United Methodist Church in Brainerd.

Col. Tom Palkie, commander of the 148th Wing Minnesota Air National Guard, was the keynote speaker.

Capt. John Hengel, of St. Cloud and the Group II commander, presented Billy Mitchell achievement awards to cadets.

The Air Force Reserve was represented by Liaison Officer

was the reaction of Maj. Alan Bahl, Group 1 vice commander.

The major's statement was in reaction to simulated emergencies, disasters and general emergency-services requirements during a Group 1 search and rescue exercise at the Lawrence Smith Memorial Airport in Harrisonville, Mo.

The basis for the scenarios handled was an earthquake that registered eight on the Richter scale in the New Madrid fault area of the southeastern Missouri "boot-heel."

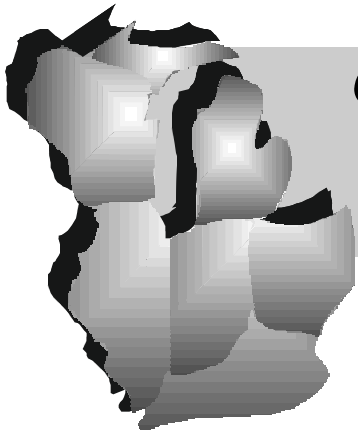
"This is what we have been

by one of the squadrons as a fund-raiser, time conservation for all mission staff and emergency services personnel, and computer assistance in several of the director's areas.

Jim Wilson, manager of the Lawrence Smith Memorial Airport, was pleased with the attendance and the activity of the 80 CAP seniors and cadets. He is hopeful the presence of the CAP in Harrisonville serves to encourage and promote the establishment of a flight in the near future.

Maj. Gary W. Gregory

Coast to Coast



Great Lakes Region

Commander
Col. Denzil Allen

Cadet Advisory Council, and is a member of the Great Lakes Region Cadet Advisory Council.

ILLINOIS — Cadet Col. Rodd N. Repp, of the Scott Composite Squadron, was presented the

Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award by Air Force Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Hemingway.

Cadet Repp's mother was present for the presentation along with members of the wing and squadron.

Cadet Repp joined CAP in June 1991. He was selected the squadron's Most Improved Cadet of the Year for 1991 and Cadet of the Year for 1992. From 1993-1994, he was the cadet commander of the Scott Composite Squadron. He has also received three Commander's Commendation awards.

Cadet Repp is presently working as the squadron administration officer, serves as chairman of the Illinois Wing

Michigan Wing cadets take part in Operation Stripe — a two-day preparation program designed to promote achievement. The event drew more than 100 cadets from across the state.



INDIANA — The Indiana Wing Conference, in March, culminated a year of progress by the cadets and senior members of the Monroe County Cadet Squadron.

By winning Cadet Squadron of the Year for the second year in a row, Monroe County Cadet Squadron triumphed over 26 other squadrons in Indiana.

This year the squadron will compete in a different category; they are now the largest squadron in Indiana and in the composite squadron category.

Cadets must continue to progress in aerospace education and the cadet program, additionally; the senior members must progress in leadership, Civil Air Patrol management, the Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members, and the technician, senior and master ratings in their specialty.

Squadron members are presently developing training programs for the pilots, observers and scanners.

The Monroe County Cadet Squadron also provided the color guard for the conference

WASHINGTON, D.C., VISIT



Members of Ohio's Cushite Composite Squadron pose for a group picture on the stairs of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., during a February visit.

and the awards banquet.

Under the tutelage of Capt. Eric Metzger, the cadets performed superbly.

Comments of "excellent" and "well done" were heard. It takes time and effort to form a cohesive element; and the squadron cadets came through with flying colors.

MICHIGAN — The Michigan Wing Cadet Advisory Council recently held its fifth annual Operation Stripe in February at the Southfield Reserve Center.

The event, which involved more than 100 cadets was the largest cadet activity in the past five years — larger than the wing's annual encampment.

The purpose of the event was to prepare cadets for their next achievement. Cadets take classes all day on the first day, run a mile, have group

activities and have a great deal of fun. On the second day, the cadets take their achievement tests and, if they pass, their squadron commander makes the promotion decision.

The activity was staffed by 20 cadet instructors and five senior escorts who also served as instructors. Several wing staff members also visited the cadets during the event.

The cadet pass rate for this Operation Stripe was 89 percent up from 86 percent the previous year.

Cadet Col. Nicholas Kalair

OHIO — Members of Squadron 304, assigned to the Youngstown Air Reserve Base in Northeast Ohio, took a weapons course in February at the base's Combat Arms Training and Marksmanship Facility and Firing Range.

The schedule included firearms safety, weapons training, and qualification on the state-of-the-art laser simulator.

"It's an awesome experience," said Joe Campa, Youngstown's ground safety chief. "It combines virtual reality, laser tag and video games all in one."

The senior members and cadets each went through a laser simulation of firing an M-16 assault rifle and learned the simulator was interactive.

"The first people who went through couldn't believe it," said Capt. Mickey Fox, squadron commander. "It wasn't at all like a video game. One target would appear and it wasn't the enemy, so you wouldn't shoot at it, but then another target would appear a moment later and it was the enemy. If you didn't take out the enemy target it would take you out."

Squadron members also had lunch with the CATM staff at the base officers' club where they learned about CATM's "founding father," Gen. Curtis LeMay, and the organization's history from Senior Master Sgt. Willie Pierce, CATM's superintendent.

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PANAMA — Several members of the Howard Air Force Base Cadet Squadron, participated in the American Red Cross Marathon Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification Course held at Fort Clayton's



Cadet Yarrisa Peart practices CPR during the American Red Cross Marathon Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification Course in Panama.

Valent Recreation Center in March.

Five members of the squadron participated in the eight-hour Red Cross course designed to teach people what to do in an emergency before medical help arrives. The course helps people feel more confident of their ability to act appropriately in the event of an emergency.

According to one American Red Cross manual, about 2 million people are hospitalized in the United States each year because of injuries, and those injuries result in nearly 142,500 deaths.

Cadets and senior members received training in how to identify and prevent injuries, recognize when an emergency occurs and provide basic care for injury and/or sudden illness until a victim can receive professional medical care.

According to Cadet Yarrisa Peart, "We learned the three basic steps that anyone can take during an emergency: Check the scene and the victim, always call 911 or your local emergency number, and care for the victim."

Additional training included breathing emergencies, recognizing the signs and symptoms of a heart attack, and how to administer CPR.

Cadets and seniors practiced on life-size mannequins, simulating a variety of life-threatening emergencies, watched a series of videos, and participated in a number of learning activities designed to increase their basic first aid knowledge and skills. The course also emphasized the value of a safe and healthy life-style.

Members were shown different types of behaviors and situations that contribute to potential risk and injury and/or illness. Heart disease, which is the leading cause

of death for people over 45 living in the United States, was emphasized heavily. "What you do and how you eat are key factors in preventing heart disease," said Cadet Marline Foster. "Not smoking is another way someone can decrease their risk. According to the Red Cross, cigarette smokers have more than twice the chance of having a

heart attack than nonsmokers."

CAP members who completed the day-long course received an American Red Cross CPR card and certification patch.

Maj. J. A. Altieri



Maj. Jayson A. Altieri, of North Carolina, has received the Defense Department's Joint Service Commendation Medal at ceremonies recently held in Patuca, Republic of Ecuador.

Major Altieri has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol since 1979 and is an active member of North Carolina Wing's Fayetteville Composite Squadron.

The major, an active duty Army Captain serving with the 1st Battalion of the 228th Aviation Regiment, received the award for his service as the aviation detachment commander of Joint Task Force Safe Border. Part of the Military Observer Mission Ecuador-Peru, JTF-Safe Border supports observers from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and the United States who monitor the cease-fire agreement that has been in effect since February 1995 between Ecuador and Peru.

Major Altieri commanded the detachment's 22 officers, soldiers, airmen and four UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters from August 1995 to February 1996.

During his command, the detachment flew more than 550 hours into the Ecuadorian/Peruvian demilitarized zone and conducted numerous VIP missions including support for Undersecretary of the Army

Joe R. Reeder and U. S. Southern Commander Gen. Barry McCafferty. In addition, the detachment assisted in the safe recovery of two U. S. personnel who were swept down the Upano River during a fishing



Maj. Altieri

accident in January 1996.

The Joint Service Commendation Medal was established by Department of Defense in May 1967. It is awarded to any active member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, after Jan. 1, 1963, distinguishes himself by meritorious service in any joint forces assignment performing duties and achievements that are incontestably exceptional and of a magnitude that clearly places an individual above his peers.

Major Altieri was presented the award by Lt. Col. Duane Carlton, JTF Safe Border commander. "A superb performance by a top notch aviator and leader," said Col. Stephen C. Fee, MOMEPS U.S. Contingent commander, "Captain Altieri's aviation detachment has been the key element in ensuring the mission accomplishment of the U. S. contingent supporting this multinational peacekeeping effort."

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The more new members — the more chances to win!*
(Drawing will be held at the 1997 National Board Meeting;
winner doesn't have to be there to win)

Win! Win! Win!

SENIORS

- 1st: VIP trip for two to CAP's 1997 National Board Meeting
- 2nd: VIP trip to National Executive Committee at CAP National Headquarters, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 3rd: Handheld 2-way radio
- 4th: Cellular telephone plus 1 year service contract
- 5th: Uniform of choice or \$150 cash
- 6th: \$100 bookstore or depot gift certificate
- 7th: \$50 bookstore or depot gift certificate
- 8th: 3-year membership
- 9th: 2-year membership
- 10th: 1-year membership

CADETS

- 1st: IACE Program slot plus \$200 cash (must meet selection criteria)
- 2nd: \$1,000 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association CAP Cadet Flight Scholarship
- 3rd: \$750 Academic Scholarship
- 4th: Trip to the National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C.
- 5th: Trip to a National HQ special activity (must meet requirements — no IACE)
- 6th: \$150 bookstore or depot gift certificate
- 7th: \$100 bookstore or depot gift certificate
- 8th: 3-year membership
- 9th: 2-year membership
- 10th: 1-year membership

Check out next month's CAP News for more information on the 1996-'97 CAP National Membership Drive!